

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

1. (Canceled) A sealable casket having a memorabilia compartment, said casket comprising:
 - a shell;
 - at least one cap pivoted to said shell;
 - said shell and at least one cap having respective confronting flanges;
 - a first gasket disposed between said flanges of said shell and at least one cap to seal therebetween;
 - a memorabilia compartment formed within said at least one cap and including an access opening and an interior;
 - a removable cover positioned over said access opening; and
 - a second gasket disposed between said cover and said at least one cap to seal therebetween.

2. (Canceled) The casket of claim 1 wherein said casket is a full top casket and said at least one cap is a single full length cap.

3. (Canceled) The casket of claim 1 wherein said casket is a cut top casket and said at least one cap is a pair of caps: a head end cap and a foot end cap.

4. (Canceled) The casket of claim 1 wherein said cover is a face plate of a drawer movably mounted in said at least one cap.

5. (Canceled) The casket of claim 3 wherein said cover is a face plate of a drawer movably mounted in one of said head end and foot end caps.

6. (Canceled) The casket of claim 3 further comprising a third gasket disposed between said head and foot end caps to seal therebetween.

7. (Canceled) The casket of claim 5 wherein said drawer is movably mounted in said foot end cap.

8. (Canceled) The casket of claim 7 wherein said foot end cap includes a header wall and wherein said access opening is formed in said header wall.

9. (Canceled) The casket of claim 8 wherein said drawer is movable into and out of said foot end cap through said access opening in said header wall.

10. (Canceled) The casket of claim 9 wherein said second gasket is positioned against an outside surface of said header wall around said access opening.

11. (Canceled) The casket of claim 10 further comprising a drawer support within said foot end cap and mounted from an inside surface of said header wall.

12. (Currently Amended) A sealable casket having a memorabilia compartment, said casket comprising:

a shell;

at least one cap pivoted to said shell;

said shell and at least one cap having respective confronting flanges;

a first gasket disposed between said flanges of said shell and at least one cap to seal therebetween;

a memorabilia compartment formed within said at least one cap and including an access opening and an interior;

a removable cover positioned over said access opening; and

a second gasket disposed between said cover and said at least one cap to seal therebetween;

wherein said casket is a cut top casket and said at least one cap is a pair of caps: a head end cap and a foot end cap;

wherein said cover is a face plate of a drawer movably mounted in one of said head end and foot end caps;

wherein said drawer is movably mounted in said foot end cap;

wherein said foot end cap includes a header wall and wherein said access opening is formed in said header wall;

wherein said drawer is movable into and out of said foot end cap through said access opening in said header wall;

wherein said second gasket is positioned against an outside surface of said header wall around said access opening;

further comprising a drawer support within said foot end cap and mounted from an inside surface of said header wall;

~~The casket of claim 11~~ wherein said drawer support is an open-ended generally C-shaped channel.

13. (Previously Presented) The casket of claim 12 wherein said channel is mounted from said inside surface of said header wall with a pair of brackets, one bracket of said pair being located on each lateral side of said channel.

14. (Previously Presented) The casket of claim 13 wherein each said bracket has a longer leg and a shorter leg, said longer leg being secured to said channel and said shorter leg being secured to said inside surface of said header wall.

15. (Previously Presented) The casket of claim 14 wherein each said bracket is generally C-shaped so as to be reversible side-to-side of said channel and end-to-end of said bracket.

16. (Previously Presented) A sealable casket having a memorabilia compartment, said casket comprising:

a shell;

at least one cap pivoted to said shell;

said shell and at least one cap having respective confronting flanges;

a first gasket disposed between said flanges of said shell and at least one cap to seal therebetween;

a memorabilia compartment formed within said at least one cap and including an access opening and an interior;

a removable cover positioned over said access opening; and

a second gasket disposed between said cover and said at least one cap to seal therebetween;

wherein said casket is a cut top casket and said at least one cap is a pair of caps: a head end cap and a foot end cap;

wherein said cover is a face plate of a drawer movably mounted in one of said head end and foot end caps;

wherein said drawer is movably mounted in said foot end cap;

wherein said foot end cap includes a header wall and wherein said access opening is formed in said header wall;

wherein said drawer is movable into and out of said foot end cap through said access opening in said header wall;

wherein said second gasket is positioned against an outside surface of said header wall around said access opening;

further comprising a drawer support within said foot end cap and mounted from an inside surface of said header wall;

wherein said drawer support is an open-ended generally C-shaped channel;

wherein said channel is mounted from said inside surface of said header wall with a pair of brackets, one bracket of said pair being located on each lateral side of said channel;

wherein each said bracket has a longer leg and a shorter leg, said longer leg being secured to said channel and said shorter leg being secured to said inside surface of said header wall; and

wherein said longer leg has an upwardly directed U-shaped tang at a lower edge thereof a free end of which is received in a slot at a lower edge of said channel, and a downwardly directed U-shaped clip has one leg received in a slot at an upper edge of said channel the other leg of which U-shaped clip retains said longer leg of said bracket against a side of said channel.

17. (Previously Presented) The casket of claim 12 wherein said drawer is spring biased towards an outward position.

18. (Previously Presented) A sealable casket having a memorabilia compartment, said casket comprising:

a shell;

at least one cap pivoted to said shell;

said shell and at least one cap having respective confronting flanges;

a first gasket disposed between said flanges of said shell and at least one cap to seal therebetween;

a memorabilia compartment formed within said at least one cap and including an access opening and an interior;

a removable cover positioned over said access opening; and

a second gasket disposed between said cover and said at least one cap to seal therebetween;

wherein said casket is a cut top casket and said at least one cap is a pair of caps: a head end cap and a foot end cap;

wherein said cover is a face plate of a drawer movably mounted in one of said head end and foot end caps;

wherein said drawer is movably mounted in said foot end cap;

wherein said foot end cap includes a header wall and wherein said access opening is formed in said header wall;

wherein said drawer is movable into and out of said foot end cap through said access opening in said header wall;

said second gasket is positioned against an outside surface of said header wall around said access opening;

further comprising a drawer support within said foot end cap and mounted from an inside surface of said header wall;

wherein said drawer support is an open-ended generally C-shaped channel;

wherein said drawer is spring biased towards an outward position; and

wherein each lateral side of said channel includes a semi-circular channel therein, and wherein each semi-circular channel includes a compression spring therein and retained at an inward end thereof by a retaining pin, and further wherein said drawer includes a rail on each lateral side thereof which rides in a

respective semi-circular channel, such that pushing said drawer completely into said channel causes said rails of said drawer to compress said compression springs.

19. (Canceled) The casket of claim 10 further including a latch mechanism which latches said drawer in an inward position and compresses said second gasket between said face plate and header wall.

20. (Previously Presented) A sealable casket having a memorabilia compartment, said casket comprising:

a shell;

at least one cap pivoted to said shell;

said shell and at least one cap having respective confronting flanges;

a first gasket disposed between said flanges of said shell and at least one cap to seal therebetween;

a memorabilia compartment formed within said at least one cap and including an access opening and an interior;

a removable cover positioned over said access opening; and

a second gasket disposed between said cover and said at least one cap to seal therebetween;

wherein said casket is a cut top casket and said at least one cap is a pair of caps: a head end cap and a foot end cap;

wherein said cover is a face plate of a drawer movably mounted in one of said head end and foot end caps;

wherein said drawer is movably mounted in said foot end cap;

wherein said foot end cap includes a header wall and wherein said access opening is formed in said header wall;

wherein said drawer is movable into and out of said foot end cap through said access opening in said header wall;

wherein said second gasket is positioned against an outside surface of said header wall around said access opening;

further comprising a drawer support within said foot end cap and mounted from an inside surface of said header wall;

wherein said latch mechanism includes a cam operable on an inside surface of said header wall which when actuated draws said face plate and header wall toward one another.

21. (Original) The casket of claim 20 wherein said cam is actuatable via a rotatable element mounted in said face plate which when rotated rotates said cam to and between an engaged position whereby said drawer is locked in said cap and a disengaged position whereby said drawer may be withdrawn from said cap.

22. (Original) The casket of claim 21 further including a rubber washer disposed between said rotatable element and face plate to seal therebetween.

23. (Original) The casket of claim 22 wherein said rotatable element is a hex head insert housed within a housing mounted in said face plate.

24. (Previously Presented) The casket of claim 23 wherein said housing has a flange on one end and is threaded on the other end, and wherein said rubber washer is compressed between said flange and face plate by a first nut threaded onto said housing threaded end on an inside surface of said face plate.

25. (Previously Presented) The casket of claim 24 wherein said hex head insert is threaded and said cam is secured onto said insert threaded end by a second nut, said cam and second nut being positioned inward of said first nut.

26. The casket of claim 12 further including at least one drawer stop operable between said channel and said drawer to prevent said drawer from being completely withdrawn from said channel.

27. (Previously Presented) A sealable casket having a memorabilia compartment, said casket comprising:

a shell;

at least one cap pivoted to said shell;

said shell and at least one cap having respective confronting flanges;

a first gasket disposed between said flanges of said shell and at least one cap to seal therebetween;

a memorabilia compartment formed within said at least one cap and including an access opening and an interior;

a removable cover positioned over said access opening; and

a second gasket disposed between said cover and said at least one cap to seal therebetween;

wherein said casket is a cut top casket and said at least one cap is a pair of caps: a head end cap and a foot end cap;

wherein said cover is a face plate of a drawer movably mounted in one of said head end and foot end caps;

wherein said drawer is movably mounted in said foot end cap;

wherein said foot end cap includes a header wall and wherein said access opening is formed in said header wall;

wherein said drawer is movable into and out of said foot end cap through said access opening in said header wall;

wherein said second gasket is positioned against an outside surface of said header wall around said access opening;

further comprising a drawer support within said foot end cap and mounted from an inside surface of said header wall;

wherein said drawer support is an open-ended generally C-shaped channel;

further including at least one drawer stop operable between said channel and said drawer to prevent said drawer from being completely withdrawn from said channel; and

wherein said at least one drawer stop comprises a U-shaped first end which fits over a front upper edge of said channel and a wing extending generally perpendicularly from said U-shaped first end, which said wing projects through a slot in an upper portion of said channel whereby said wing is in a path of a rear wall of said drawer as said drawer is being withdrawn to thereby block complete withdrawal of said drawer from said channel.

28. (Canceled) A casket comprising:

a shell;

at least one cap engaging the shell;

the cap including a header wall;

the header wall being formed to include an access opening;

a cover; and

a cam operable on an inside surface of the header wall which when actuated draws the cover toward the header wall.

29. (Canceled) The casket of claim 28, wherein the cover is configured to cover the access opening when the cover is adjacent the header wall.

30. (Canceled) The casket of claim 29, further comprising a gasket disposed between the cover and the header wall.

31. (Canceled) The casket of claim 30, wherein the cover sealingly engages the gasket and the gasket sealingly engages the header wall at least after the cam draws the cover toward the header wall.

32. (Previously Presented) A casket comprising:
a shell;
at least one cap engaging the shell;
a drawer support mounted to the cap;
the drawer support being formed to include a channel;
a spring received by the channel; and

a drawer carried by the drawer support for movement relative thereto between an inward position and an outward position spaced apart from the inward position;

the drawer including a rail received by the channel;

the rail compressing the spring at least when the drawer is in the inward position.

33. (Previously Presented) The casket of claim 32 further comprising a cover coupled to the drawer and a gasket disposed between the cover and the cap, the gasket being compressed between the cover and the cap at least when the drawer is in the inward position.

34. (Previously Presented) The casket of claim 33, further comprising a latching mechanism including a cam operable on the cap to draw the cover toward the cap.

35. (Previously Presented) The casket of claim 34, wherein the cap includes a header wall formed to include an access opening, the drawer is received by the access opening, and the gasket is compressed between the cover and the header wall at least when the cam is operated.

36. (Previously Presented) The casket of claim 34, wherein the cap includes a header wall formed to include an access opening, the drawer is received by the access opening, and the cam is operable on an inside surface of the header wall to draw the cover toward the cap.

37. (Previously Presented) The casket of claim 32, wherein the drawer support is further formed to include a first lateral side and a second lateral side, the first lateral side being formed to include the channel, the drawer is formed to include a first side and a second side, and the rail is along the first side of the drawer.

38. (Previously Presented) The casket of claim 37, wherein the second lateral side of the drawer support is formed to include a second channel, a second rail is formed along the second side of the drawer and is received by the second channel, and further comprising a second spring received by the second channel, the second rail compressing the second spring at least when the drawer is in the inward position.

39. (Previously Presented) A casket comprising:

a shell;

at least one cap engaging the shell;

a drawer support formed to include a first slot and a second slot;

at least one bracket comprising:

a first leg secured to the cap; and
a second leg secured to the drawer support, the second leg comprising a generally upwardly directed U-shaped tang received by the first slot of the drawer support; and

a generally downwardly directed U-shaped clip comprising:

a first leg received by the second slot of the drawer support; and
a second leg configured to retain the second leg of the bracket against the drawer support.

40. (Previously Presented) A casket comprising:

a shell;

at least one cap engaging the shell;

a drawer support carried by the cap;

a drawer mounted to the drawer support for movement relative thereto;

and

a drawer stop coupled to the drawer support, the drawer stop comprising:

a U-shaped first end; and

a wing projecting from the first end and into a path of the drawer, the path being defined as the drawer is withdrawn from the drawer support, to block the removal of the drawer from the drawer support.

41. (Previously Presented) The casket of claim 40, wherein the drawer support is formed to include a slot and the wing projects through the slot and into the path.

42. (Previously Presented) The casket of claim 40, wherein the path is the path of a rear wall of the drawer and the wing engages the rear wall to block the movement of the drawer.

43. (Canceled) A casket comprising:
a shell;
at least one cap engaging the shell;
the cap including a header wall;
the header wall being formed to include an access opening;
a cover; and
a gasket disposed between the cover and the header wall.

44. (Canceled) The casket of claim 43, further comprising a latching mechanism configured to move the cover toward the header wall thereby compressing the gasket.

45. (Canceled) The casket of claim 44, further comprising a drawer received by the access opening and movably mounted in the cap, the cover being coupled to the drawer, and the latching mechanism being operable to draw the drawer into the cap.

46. (Canceled) A casket comprising:
a shell;
at least one cap engaging the shell;
a drawer carried by the cap for movement between an inward position and an outward position spaced-apart from the inward position;
a spring configured to yieldably bias the drawer away from the inward position; and
a gasket disposed between the drawer and the cap and configured to sealingly engage both of the drawer and the cap at least when the drawer is at the inward position.

47. (Canceled) The casket of claim 46, further comprising a latching mechanism operably coupled to the cap and to the drawer and operable to compress the gasket between the cap and the drawer.

48. (New) A casket comprising:

a casket shell;
a lid closeable upon said shell, said lid including a channel; and
a drawer supported by said channel for movement between an inward position and an outward position.

49. (New) The casket of claim 48 wherein said channel is upwardly facing.

50. (New) The casket of claim 48 wherein said channel is laterally facing.

51. (New) The casket of claim 48, said drawer further including a rail, said rail riding in said channel.

52. (New) The casket of claim 51 further including a spring in said channel, said rail compressing said spring when said drawer is in the inward position.

53. (New) The casket of claim 48, said drawer further including a drawer front, one of said lid and said drawer front including a gasket compressed by said drawer front and said lid when said drawer is in the inward position.

54. (New) The casket of claim 53 wherein said lid includes a header wall, said header wall including an opening therein for receiving said drawer, said gasket surrounding said header wall opening.

55. (New) The casket of claim 48 further including a latching mechanism which latches said drawer in the inward position.

56. (New) The casket of claim 55 wherein said latching mechanism includes a cam operable between said drawer and said lid which draws said drawer toward said lid.

57. (New) The casket of claim 48, said channel further including a drawer stop blocking removal of said drawer from said channel.

58. (New) The casket of claim 57 wherein said drawer stop includes a clip securable to an edge of said channel, said clip including a wing which projects into a path of said drawer and is operable against a rear wall of said drawer.